

ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WARRENTON HELD ON APRIL  
28, 2005

The adjourned meeting of the Council of the Town of Warrenton was held on Thursday, April 28, 2005 in the Town Council Chambers.

Councilmembers present: David A. Norden, Vice Mayor, presiding, Councilmen Birge S. Watkins, John V. Albertella, John E. Williams, Dennis M. Sutherland, Terrence L. Nyhous, and John S. Lewis, Jr.

Also present: Kenneth L. McLawhon, Town Manager; Whitson W. Robinson, Town Attorney, and Evelyn J. Weimer, Town Recorder.

The Vice Mayor called the meeting to order.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS.**

- a. Proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2006. Kenneth L. McLawhon, Town Manager.
- b. Proposed calendar year 2005 tax rates.
  - Ordinance 2005-03, an Ordinance to Establish Tax rates for the Tax Year Beginning January 1, 2005.
  - Ordinance 2005-4, an Ordinance to Establish Business, Professional and Occupational License Tax Rates for the Tax Year Beginning June 1, 2005.
- c. Resolution to increase opening and closing of gravesites.
- d. Proposed Water and Sewer Rates Fiscal Year 2006.
  - Ordinance 2005-5, an Ordinance Amending the Water and Sewer Availability Fees for the Town of Warrenton, Virginia.
- e. Proposed FY 2006-2011 Capital Improvements Program.

The Vice Mayor called upon Kenneth L. McLawhon, Town Manager, to highlight the proposed FY 06 budget.

Mr. McLawhon indicated that all of the required notices had been published in the local newspaper. He stated that the real estate tax rate would remain the same, there would be no change in water and sewer user fees, but there was a proposal to raise the availability fees, which was discussed at the last Utility and Finance Committee meetings. He further stated that the availability fees issue would probably be discussed again at the next Finance Committee meeting. The Manager also noted that there would be slight increase in the opening and closing of gravesites.

He stated that the ad in the paper included the General Fund budget, Enterprise budget and Capital projects slated for the current year and Capital Improvements Program through 2011. He indicated the items were before the public for comment.

The Vice Mayor opened the public hearing at 7:05 p.m. and asked if there were citizens who wished to speak.

Ms. Ginger Hilleary.

Ms. Hilleary, Executive Director of Literacy Volunteers of Fauquier County, read letters from two of the organization's participants. She explained the types of programs offered by organization and noted that they do not receive federal grants, although they did receive a one-time grant from the Department of Labor. She requested the Town Council support for the Literacy Volunteers organization.

Ms. Anne-Marie Walsh.

Ms. Walsh, Director of the Partnership for Warrenton, noted that the Partnership had a long-term relationship with the Town to preserve and revitalize the historic district and commercial business district. She stated that there had been more than \$25 million in private reinvestment in

downtown since 1998 and the Partnership had accumulated volunteer hours worth \$400,000 on behalf of the downtown. She noted that the Partnership, which builds on the image that Old Town is Home Town, puts on events that because of their quality are drawing attention from regional and national media. She further noted that the Partnership is able to offer design services via their contract with the Main Street Program and that Ms. Cathy Frazier in Richmond had concentrated efforts on the Lee Street corridor, particularly the owners of the former Catholic Church. Ms. Walsh stated that it was felt that the Partnership had been good stewards of the Town's past contribution and asked for Council's continued support of the Partnership for Warrenton.

Mr. Charles Shepherd.

Mr. Shepherd noted that he and his sister own a number of commercial properties in Town and commended the Council for keeping taxes low. He indicated his support for the Partnership and that he and his sister had used the services of the Partnership. He stated that, through the Partnership architectural services, a long-term plan was established for one of the buildings and that the organization provides tenants for the commercial property. He indicated, in fact, there was a waiting list for the property. He urged continued support for the Partnership.

Mr. Ed Childress.

Mr. Childress, new Director for the Fauquier Family Shelter, thanked Council for past support and urged future support. He indicated that construction was finishing on the shelter and that the shelter would then accommodate 52 people and as many as 13 separate families.

There being no other citizens to speak, the Vice Mayor closed the public hearings at 7:20 p.m.

Set date of May 10, 2005 at 7 p.m. for adoption of the FY 2006 budget.

On a motion by Mr. Nyhous, seconded by Mr. Sutherland, May 10, 2005 was set as the date for adoption of the FY 2006 budget on a 7-0 vote of Council (for: Norden, Watkins, Albertella, Williams, Sutherland, Nyhous, Lewis).

Consideration of request of Warrenton-Fauquier Chamber of Commerce to extend the street closure area for the Warrenton Spring Festival

On a motion by Mr. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Nyhous, the request of the Warrenton-Fauquier Chamber of Commerce to extend the street closure area for the Warrenton Spring Festival was approved on a 7-0 vote of Council (for: Norden, Watkins, Albertella, Williams, Sutherland, Nyhous, Lewis).

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Evelyn J. Weimer, Town Recorder